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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service
THROUGH : Chief, Operations Group
SUBJECT : Monthly Report--Jordan Bureau--May 1986

I. OPERATIONS

A. Monitorial/Editorial

1. In preparation for the bureau's assumption of the initial package of week-end coverage from Gulf Bureau, extensive reception checks were conducted, from both within the bureau and elsewhere in Amman, of the new transmitters to be covered. The 2-week effort confirmed that Tehran International Service in Arabic remains unheard or unmonitorable during most of the broadcasting day due mainly to Iraqi jamming. Reception of Aden Domestic Service and ANA is also nil. Better results were obtained for Muscat, Sanaa and Manama WAKH in both Arabic and English.

2. The bureau began a month-long survey of Damascus Television Service on 1 May. The results of the first 2 weeks of the survey, which was suspended with the advent of Ramadan, were pouched to MOD. New instructions have been received, and the survey will resume along different lines after Id al-Fitr. Tapes will be forwarded of the main evening newscasts and selected current affairs feature programming.

II. ADMINISTRATION

A. Personnel

1. Processing to bring [] on board as a monitor-trainee to fill the vacant slot in the bureau's T/O is almost completed.

2. The Ambassador has approved the bureau's formal request to increase our monitorial staffing by four positions. The increase will bring the bureau's monitorial T/O to 15 Arabic monitors. So far, only one monitor from Gulf Bureau has been definitely identified as being transferred to Jordan Bureau, so the bulk of the increase will have to be made up of new hires.

III. COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

A. Bureau Chief [] has been elected (by acclamation) chairman of the American Embassy Employees Association's Tennis Committee (of one). It's not quite Okinawa yet, but we're working on it.

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Chief, Jordan Bureau

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